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Application No. 09/670,424  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT  
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): M. SATO et al

Serial No. : 09/670,424

Filed : September 26, 2000

For : DATABASE MANAGEMENT APPARATUS  
AND ENCRYPTING/DECRYPTING  
SYSTEM

Art Unit : 2136

Examiner : Pramila Parthasarathy

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
September 2, 2004, the term for response to which expires on  
December 2, 2004.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-29 are  
canceled, and claims 30-42 are added.

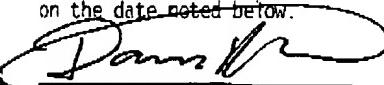
**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.

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Daniel J. Persohn

Dated: December 2, 2004

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